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DISTRICT 16

Arizona House of Representatives Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members of the Ethics Committee
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Ethics Complaint regarding Representative David Stringer

Dear Members of the Committee:

By this letter, I submit a formal ethics complaint against Representative David Stringer. I have personal knowledge based on my review of two articles, one from the Arizona Daily Independent, and one from the Phoenix New Times, that Representative Stringer has a potential criminal history involving child pornography. Representative Stringer was allegedly ordered to seek treatment at Dr. Berlin's program at John Hopkin's University School of Medicine for his crime. By this conduct, if true, Representative Stringer has engaged in conduct that compromises the character of himself, members of the House and indeed holds the entire legislature up to contempt and condemnation.

The Ethics Committee is empowered to investigate complaints and charges against members, A.R.S. § 38-519, as well as claims of disorderly conduct, Ariz. Const. Art. 4, Pt. 2 § 11. Ethics Committee jurisdiction extends to violations of the Rules of the House, state or federal laws or any conduct that disrupts the orderly business of this institution. This is especially true when conduct of a member violates the public trust or adversely reflects upon the House. Unethical, unprofessional or even immoral conduct is no less disorderly when that conduct impacts the integrity of this institution and its duty to the people of Arizona.

I cannot tolerate even reports of current or past conduct, that if true, would hold an elected member up to shameful public dishonor and scorn. The people demand their elected officials to be of the highest character and reputation. Recent disturbing revelations regarding Representative David Stringer demand further and formal investigation. Conversely, it would appear that the two accounts in each report about this incident are conflicting, and in order to make a decision proper course of action, and to allow Representative Stringer and opportunity to defend himself, it is my belief that this should be referred to the Ethics Committee for proper consideration.

I declare under penalty of perjury the factual matters and things stated in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my own personal knowledge, information and belief. Based on the foregoing, I request the Ethics Committee investigate and make recommendations, including whether Representative David Stringer be subject to censure or other discipline, including expulsion by the House for disorderly behavior pursuant to Rule 1.

Sincerely,


Rep. Kelly J. Townsend
Legislative District 16

State of Arizona)
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) ss.
County of Maricopa)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 25 day of January, 2019, by

Kelly J. Townsend
Janice M. Hendry
Notary Public Signature

